

**WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

TO: S. Clyde Ross, a Resident of the Town of Farmington in the County of Franklin and State of Maine.

GREETING: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Farmington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble downstairs at the Community Center at 127 Middle Street in said Town on Tuesday, the Sixth Day of August, 2024, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles 1 through 5, each of said Articles being set out below, to wit:

FIRST – To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

SECOND – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply, on behalf of the Town, for federal financing assistance under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, Public Law 88-578 for the development of the Dragon's Nest Skate Park; and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Agreement with the State subsequent to federal approval of the project. If Town tax appropriations are being used for all or part of the local share of the project cost, the Town must raise the funds through Town Meeting or action by the Board of Selectmen. The local sponsor is obligated to pay all costs of the project "up-front". Therefore, there may be the need to authorize the borrowing of funds which will be repaid by federal reimbursement.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: In order to receive grant funds for the Dragon's Nest Skateboard Park from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), the LWCF requires the above-proposed language and warrant article. The Town of Farmington has applied for an LWCF grant in the amount of \$110,000.00 for the renovation/redevelopment of the Hippach Field Dragon's Nest Skateboard park.

THIRD – To see if the Town of Farmington will vote to change its MainePERS retirement plan to Special Plan 1C for its firefighters effective September 1, 2024, for future service only. In doing so, the Town would agree:

- a) To provide Special Plan 1C to its firefighters who regularly work more than 20 hours per week and who are not seasonal or temporary for service rendered after August 31, 2024. Service accrued by firefighters before September 1, 2024, remains under Regular Plan AC; and,
- b) To authorize the Town Manager to sign the Amended Agreement between the Town and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: At the 2024 Town Meeting, the Town of Farmington voted to approve the Fire Department budget, which included the funds to cover the cost

of switching to Special Plan 1C; however, MainePERS requires specific warrant language to change the plan.

FOURTH – Shall the Town of Farmington adopt the Farmington Maine Municipal Tree Ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The Town of Farmington has been a Tree City for 48 years through the National Arbor Day Foundation. The National Arbor Day Foundation now requires each member town or city to have an Ordinance in place to be considered a Tree City. The proposed Ordinance was drafted by the Conservation Committee and Code Enforcement Officer and approved by the Select Board.

NOTE: Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available in advance at the Municipal Building and will be available at the Community Center during the Town Meeting.

FIFTH – Shall the Town of Farmington adopt the changes made to the Town of Farmington Traffic Ordinance – Chapter 12

STATEMENT OF FACTS: The changes to this ordinance have been made for clarification purposes, to make it up to date with current practices, and to remove the identification of addresses by property owner.

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